



June 12, 2013

**Item No. 2**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH  
BIG O MOVING & STORAGE, INC., SMITH MOVERS, INC., MIDWAY MOVING & STORAGE, INC., AND  
AARON BROTHERS MOVING SYSTEM, INC. TO PROVIDE MOVING SERVICES FOR CHA RESIDENTS**

**To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") or his designee to enter into contracts with Big O Moving & Storage, Inc. ("Big O"), Smith Movers, Inc. ("Smith"), Midway Moving & Storage, Inc. ("Midway") and Aaron Brothers Moving System, Inc. ("Aaron Brothers"), in individual contract amounts not-to-exceed \$602,370, for an aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$2,409,480 to provide moving services to CHA residents for a two year base term and two (2) one-year option periods.

The Executive Vice President ("EVP") of Resident Services, the Office of the General Counsel and the Department of Procurement and Contracts have completed all necessary due diligence to support the submission of this initiative and recommend the approval of this item accordingly.

**CORPORATE GOAL**

The proposed program supports CHA's corporate goal of ensuring that CHA's housing portfolio is safe, decent and sustainable.

**FUNDING:** CHA General Fund

**SOLICITATION SUMMARY**

**Vendors:**

Big O Moving & Storage, Inc.  
9400 S. Cottage Grove Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60619

Smith Movers, Inc.  
7150 South Halsted  
Chicago, IL 60621

Midway Moving & Storage, Inc.  
4100 W Ferdinand St.  
Chicago, IL 60624

Aaron Brothers Moving System, Inc.  
4034 S Michigan Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60653

**Contract Type:** Professional Services

**Solicitation Release Date:** 02/11/2013

**Individual Contract Amount:** \$602,370

**Days Advertised:** 30 Days

**Aggregate Base Contract Amount:** \$2,409,480

**Addendum:** N/A

**Base Contract Period:** Two-Year Base Term

**Pre-Bid/Proposal Date:** 02/26/2013

**Option Period:** 2 One-Year Options

**Solicitation Due Date:** 03/18/2013

**Publication(s):** Chicago Sun Times, Chicago Defender, Extra

**Assist Agencies:** 66

**Vendor List:** 30

**Pick-up List:** 15

**Respondents:** 7

### **M/W/DBE Participation and Section 3:**

| Vendor                       | M/W/DBE Participation | Section 3 Hiring | Section 3 Contracting/Other Economic Opportunities |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--|
| Big O Moving & Storage       | 100% MBE (direct)     | 3                | Self-identified as Section 3 Business Concern      |
| Smith Movers                 | 100% MBE (direct)     | 5                | Self-identified as Section 3 Business Concern      |
| Midway Moving & Storage      | 20% MBE (indirect)    | 1                | Other Economic Opportunities: Internships          |
| Aaron Brothers Moving System | 20% MBE (indirect)    | 2                | 3% subcontract to Section 3 Business Concern       |

### **GENERAL BACKGROUND**

The Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) provides services to CHA residents that need to relocate due to activities related to CHA's Plan Forward, including planned rehabilitation or demolition of CHA units, CHA-initiated transfers in accordance with CHA's Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP), moves for families satisfying their Right of Return under the Relocation Rights Contract, and emergency relocation situations. CHA estimates more than 3,000 families will require moving assistance during the base term of the awarded contracts, not inclusive of emergency transfers and other move types.

In order to ensure capacity for the volume of moves and provide adequate coverage for emergency relocations, it is recommended that CHA award four (4) contracts to Big O Moving & Storage, Inc., Smith Movers, Inc., Midway Moving & Storage, Inc. and Aaron Brothers Moving System, Inc.

- Big O has provided moving services to the Chicagoland area for more than 30 years.
- Smith has provided residential and government moving services in the Chicagoland area for more than 41 years.
- Midway has provided residential moving services in Chicago since 1987.
- Aaron Brothers has provided moving services to the Chicago area for more than 40 years.

All four (4) contractors have the ability to conduct multiple daily moves, emergency transfers and provide long term storage. Resident Services will distribute moves to the contracted providers based on price, capacity and availability.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with all applicable Chicago Housing Authority board policies and all applicable federal (HUD) procurement laws.

The EVP of Resident Services concurs with the recommendation to enter into contracts with Big O, Smith, Midway and Aaron Brothers to provide moving services for CHA residents.

The CEO/President recommends the approval to enter into contracts with Big O, Smith, Midway and Aaron Brothers to provide moving services for CHA residents in individual contract amounts not-to-exceed \$602,370 for an aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$2,409,480 for a two-year base period, with two (2) additional one-year options.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-CHA-40**

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the Board Letter dated June 12, 2013 entitled "AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH BIG O MOVING & STORAGE, INC., SMITH MOVERS, INC., MIDWAY MOVING & STORAGE, INC., AND AARON BROTHERS MOVING SYSTEM, INC. TO PROVIDE MOVING SERVICES FOR CHA RESIDENTS";

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**THAT** the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to enter into contracts with Big O Moving & Storage, Inc., Smith Movers, Inc., Midway Moving & Storage, Inc., and Aaron Brothers Moving System, Inc., in individual contract amounts not-to-exceed \$602,370, for an aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$2,409,480, to provide moving services for CHA residents for a two-year base period, with two (2) additional one-year options.

This award is subject to the Contractors' compliance with the CHA's MBE/WBE/DBE, Section 3 resident hiring, and insurance requirements.



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